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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed August 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: